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Dr. James W. Buehler, MD, Health Commissioner City of Philadelphia Department of Public Health 1401 JFK Boulevard, Room 600 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102

Dear Dr. Buehler:

By letter and enclosures dated July 1, 2015, the City of Philadelphia Air Management Services (AMS) submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) an annual ambient air monitoring network plan in accordance with the regulatory requirements of 40 CFR Part 58 - Ambient Air Quality Surveillance. Based on our review, EPA approves AMS's July 1, 2015 annual ambient air monitoring network plan on the basis that the plan meets the requirements of 40 CFR Part 58.10.

Additionally, 40 CFR Section 58.11(c) requires any changes to the air monitoring network or design of the following air monitoring systems be approved by the EPA Administrator:

- a) Photochemical Assessment Monitoring Systems (PAMS)
- b) Particulate Matter Speciation Trends Network (STN)
- c) The National Core Monitoring Network (NCore)

EPA determined that AMS's July 1, 2015 annual ambient air monitoring network plan does not require approval from the EPA Administrator because there were no changes to any of the air monitoring systems listed above.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or have your staff contact Ms. Kinshasa Brown-Perry, EPA's Pennsylvania Liaison, at (215) 814-5405. For questions regarding this approval action, your staff may contact Mr. David L. Arnold, Acting Director, Air Protection Division, at (215) 814-2172.

Sincerely,

Shawn M. Garvin

Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. Kassahun Selassie, AMS